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and
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Ft. Pierce, FL

Welcome to a double report issue of Arena Report. I published just last week but I find myself buried with reports and letters again. A good sign I guess. The St. Lucie show was a TV taping for Power Hour, Main Event, World Wide, and NWA Pro so you can see what will be on the tube for the NWA this weekend. Also in this issue, we have a column from Jubie Jay Mullins as the Jerz is sicking his nine year old nephew on us. Of course, we'll have the regular features as well. As you can see, I've widened my margins for "AR" as it seems that 9 or 10 page issues are becoming the norm.

We'll be taking a four week break from this zine as my two issues for June are done and I don't have anything going on until I'm Baltimore bound with the rest of the crew. That issue should be jammed with lots of reports, news from B-more, columns by Mike Terry, Evan Ginzburg, and the introduction of a new columnist that will debut in the 7/20 issue of "AR". And don't forget our Arena Report hat offer. There is an order form enclosed in this ish. Eight dollars will buy you a quality baseball cap with the inscription, "Arena Report", An "Inside" Wrestling Bulletin. Color is black with gold lettering.

Arena Report is published twice per month at the cost of 75¢ per issue. All renewals, subscriptions, letters, and match reports may be sent to Ron Lemieux, 916 Sloewood Ct., Lake Mary, FL 32746. Klon and I attended this first report in Orlando. Grades will be a combination of the two. Speaking of Klon, the NWA has changed the title to the Bash in Baltimore. It's now, "The Great American Bash. New Revolution, The Unveiling of Klon." Let's go to the city going Hollywood.

Opening Match

Steve Collins beat Norman Smiley in 9:20. Collins use to work for the old Global group in southern Florida. Smiley has done the same but has also worked for UWF in Japan. Lots of wrestling in this match. Norman did a nice backdrop suplex into a bridge. The finish came as Smiley went for a neckbreaker but Collins turned it into a backslide for the pin. *3/4

2nd Match

Tommy Rich pinned Super Destroyer in 6:33. Super D a sub for Barry Windham who no showed here as well as last night in St. Pete. Not sure what the deal is but I'll know before the end of this issue. Someone said it's probably due to Blackjack & Kendall's problems down here but that's bull. The three musketeers, Barry Windham, Buzz Sawyer, and Buddy Landell. Super D. was not Jack Victory. Some fat young guy. Someone asked him if he ever heard of Nutri-System. Destroyer did a nice whip on Rich into the guard rail which almost took Klon and my legs out. Tommy did a Thesz press from the second rope. Dud

3rd Match

Mike Rotunda over Jason Knight in 6:22. Knight a sub for Kevin Sullivan who is still out with a screwed up hand. Knight is another nobody. I witnessed the worst dropkick ever. The guy started falling back way before Mike went up for it. Rotunda looked disgusted to be in the ring with this guy. Can't blame him. Mike won with the airplane spin. -*

4th Match

Norman the Lunatic beat Cactus Jack in 11:00 when Normie sat on Cactus who tried a sunset flip from the apron. Jack's next to last night in as tomorrow in Ft. Lauderdale is his last night. He carried this to a * match. Norman didn't do a thing. Someone yelled at Jack to go home. How ironic, he is. Manson's high spots, hitting himself with a chair, crazy bumps, and catching his own spit. (Hey, that takes talent. Klone was trying all the way home and it was in my car.)

World Tag Team Championship

Doom defeated the Steiner Brothers in 14:26. Great heat. Teddy Long did a nice job at ringside. Steiners really look disinterested even though they worked good. Word is they want to join Titan real bad. Go, I don't give a shit anymore. I don't blame anyone for looking out for number 1. The NWA surely won't. Scott gave Butch Reed a powerslam but Simmons came off the top rope and hit Scott with a knee. Reed followed with the pin. At one point in the bout, Reed went for a clothesline but Scott used a crucifix. Great spot. *** $\frac{1}{2}$

Main Event- Tag Team Match

Lex Luger & Junkyard Dog beat Ric Flair & Arn Anderson in 18:31. No Sid Vicious at ringside which was advertised. JFD getting cheap heat by chucking Arn the bird. Arn pointed to JFD and motioned shining his shoes. You really are back in 1974, aren't you Ole? Weakest finish I've ever seen. Flair comes off the top rope and JFD punches him in the midsection. He then rolls him up from behind and pins him. The crowd (?) was going nuts. Everyone went home happy except for two people. Klone & myself. ** $\frac{3}{4}$

Notes

Words cannot describe how I felt after this card. You take the weakest independant group and JYD shouldn't be working for them. I was upset when I first heard that the NWA was bringing him back, but after seeing him live, forget it. The Patrick show last week was better than the first four matches on this card. I know some is not their fault, but the fans don't know that. That's why they shouldn't be running two shows on the same night. In case someone can't work. Good thing I'm taking four weeks off from "AR". I could lose interest if I had to follow these morons real close for the next few weeks. Maybe I'll take up stamp collecting. At least you can't get frustrated at a bunch of flags.....Crowd was 1,400 which isn't good. At last years bash, they sold this place out. Of course back then, we had Fynk, Muta, Steamboat. Get the message. Of course not....Norman had gone out to the concession stand and told the ladies to put his shirts away. They wouldn't sell any anyway. The morale in this group is so low, Lord Littlebrook is high.

----- Well, that takes care of Orlando. Now, let's travel to the Gold Coast and go to Ft. Pierce where Klone and myself were met by Jeff Bowdren and Dave Flaherty. Front row for NWA tapings. These matches were taped for the weekend of 6/23 and 6/24. I'll name the show and list the matches in order.

World Championship Wrestling 1) Steiner Brothers beat Jason Knight & ?. Couldn't hear some of these jobbers' names as Cappetta's voice was drowned out by the music. 2) Mean Mark w/ Paul E beat ?. 3) Rock N' Roll Express over Lethal Weapons. 4) Doom beat Scottie Williams & Rico Frederico. 5) JYD, Paul Orndorff, and Rocky King beat Ric Flair, Arn Anderson, & Barry Windham via DQ in 6:33. Can you believe they used Rocky King? Flair was kicking his butt outside the ring. Ole interfered for the DQ and then Sting & Luger hit the ring and a decent brawl ensued. *** 6) Tommy Rich over Jumbo Berretta ...Jim Ross and Ricky Morton did the announcing. Going to miss Cornette.

World Wide Wrestling 1) Brian Pillman beat Bruno Sensey. 2) Lex Luger over Pete Sanchez. They're doing this bit where anytime one of the superheroes is wrestling, the others come out to stand guard and the Horsemen come to look from behind the curtain. Steiners come out too which is a measure to include them to keep them happy. One of the worst squashes I've ever seen. Sanchez screwed up a Luger powerslam and wouldn't go up for the rack. Paul Orndorff and the Steiners were howling. 3) Buddy Landell over Vern Henderson. Jeff Bowdren told Buddy he broke his record, three tapings in a row and still employed. 4) Orndorff over Cliff Sheets. Paul does the Hulk holding his ear bit to hear the crowd. 5) Barry Windham over Tim Parker. 6) Arn Anderson beat Tom Zenk when Zenk pushed Arn into the ropes and Anderson ducked and Z Man caught his throat on the ropes. Z Man looks atrocious. The worst I've seen next to his bout with Callous on the Funk Jr. card. $\frac{1}{2}$ * Dark Match- Steve Collins over Norman Smiley. These two worked the same match four nights in a row. Same spots, everything. They should have it down to a five star match now, right? Wrong! *

NWA Pro Wrestling 1) Orndorff over Mike Thor. 2) Landell beat Dino Hernandez. 3) Freebirds beat Collins & Dave Johnson (wanted something harder than managin, baseball) 4) Southern Boys beat Lethal Weapons. One of these guys was chopped heavily. He was bleeding from the chest. 5) Callous beat ? 6) Doom and the Rock N' Rolls went to a fifteen minute draw at 13:18. Not your typical tag match. They faced off and did some spots and would tag the other guys. No hot tag. Really weird. ** Lance Russell and Birds did commentary. What happened to rule that no heels would color commentate. Sounds like Ole doesn't like Corny or Paul E. Idiot.

NWA Main Event 1) Mark Callous destroyed Dino Hernandez. His first move was a high kick to Dino's face. Within seconds, there was blood all over his nose and Mark's knee. 2) Zenk pinned Sanchez. 3) Steiners over Barry and Arn via DQ with Ole interference. Match was good but short.

Notes

Crowd was 2,500 which filled the place but heard it was heavily papered. Lots of heat....Before the card, Doug Dillinger and some other guy were handing out NWA T-shirts to the front row. Dillinger told some girl she had to put it on or they'd take it back. What a guy....We were getting on some of the guys pretty good. Hey, I'm usually mild mannered and quiet at shows, but with Jeff's constant battering, it rubs off. So many great lines, I can't remember them all.....We were riding Sanchez pretty good. After his loss to Zenk, he came out our way. I told Jeff to watch out. As he walked away, I said, "You suck." (I know. What kind of smart fan am I.) He promptly turned around and spit on me....When they were doing crowd shots prior to the shows, Jeff wrote on a piece of paper, "Read the Observer" and held it in front of the camera. Doubt it will air....There was a cult hero carrying the cable for one of the cameramen. He had people in the front row who knew him. His name was Woody so we took up chant of "Woody" throughout the night. He was laughing at our comments all night so he tried to be part of the gang. When Arn had Zenk in a legscissors, he said to us, "I hope he don't fart." Yeah, funny guy that Woody Herd.....I'm sure Jeff's lines will show up in print in The Torch. At least, I hope they do....No major angles but it was fun anyway.

Ramblings

Nothing major from the Titan tapings last week. 6/6 in Binghampton saw Axe managing Smash and B.A. (Brian Adams from Portland). Heard he did a good job. They did turn or will be turning heel which means the Road Warr...oops, the Legion of Doom will be faces. Look for a title swap.... Rumors that Harley Race to join the Ole crew. The NWA Pension Plan....Lex Luger in the doghouse. Seems after they gave him a night off, they wanted to take it back and he didn't show up. They better not keep him in there too long or he'll end up in the Titan house.....Sid wasn't at the tapings or recent shows because he's playing softball. What???? That's what I said. Seems he's the star of his team back home in West Memphis and he figures since he can't work, why show up to appear at ringside. Good way to run a group, let the wrestlers dictate to you.....Jim Brunzell caught Randy Savage with a potato dropkick at the tapings. No word on whether or not Brunzell was "crowned".....Matches set for Baltimore PPV (could change) Flair-Sting with special stip to be announced, Doom-Rock N' Roll, Luger-Mean Mark, Vader-Zenk, and what a waste of Arn and Barry, Windham and Arn team with Vicious against Orndorff, JFD, and El Gigante. Speaking of Baltimore for those who are attending. We will be meeting in the bar at The Omni hotel Inner Harbor at 1:00 p.m. the day of the show. I've heard about so many people who are going, it would be a shame for everyone to be scattered. So we can all meet there.....Ed 'The Bull' Gantner was at the NWA tapings. Not looking well at all after his kidney transplant....Prayers go out to fellow hardcore Tom Robinson who is once again in the hospital.....Think the Observer is big in Japan. The Japanese news media did a special on Dave Meltzer when he was in the Land of the Rising Sun.....Saw Kevin Sullivan, Woman and Jeff Zinger friend, Girl leaving the tapings. She had a Little Red Riding Book in her hand.....Stan Hansen pinned both Steve Williams and Terry Gordy in Japan with the lariat. Now why can't guys do jobs like that in the States!.... I think Dino Bravo is having problems doing jobs for Tugboat. He seems to only make every other show he's booked with him.....Upcoming Vince tapings, 7/16 Omaha, 8/7 Springfield, 8/8 Providence, 8/29 Baltimore, 8/30 Hershey, 6/27 Johnstown.....Didn't you love Windham's shoot interview at Herd. "You were mad because I didn't call you." (In reference to his so-called injury.) But the best was his last line. "You want to get rid of the Horsemen? Well you better watch out, because in the end, you may be gone.".....Sting and Lex Luger appeared on CNN's Sonya Live show on 6/7. Sonya was asking personal questions which weren't sitting well with Lex. She exposed that he was.. married. Oh, heavens. Now all the thirteen year olds are upset. Funny line was when Sonya asked Sting about using steroids and he said, "This body was made on Wheaties and bran muffins." Sure, and Buddy Rose's body was made out of fruits and vegetables.....Don't you think the NWA could have come up with something better and more original than Superheroes?.....A Larry Sharpe card in Clifton, NJ on 6/2 saw Don Muraco beat Bob Orton. Old WWF jobber Chuck Richards grandson Chris Candido worked the card as well..... At this time I would like to thank everyone for making "AR" so much fun to publish. I got back from Klon and Elaine's house (stayed overnight after Tapings, such gracious people) and my mailbox was swamped with subscriptions, renewals, letters, and hat orders. "AR" has really surged in the past month and it's due to you. I really feel that I have the most loyal readers in fandom. Thanks again for making this so much fun.....Now that head "Matwatcher" Steve Beverly has gotten semi-settled, I can give you his new address and rates for his great publication, Matwatch. After July 15th, you can order 5 issues for \$5 or 11 issues for 10.00. Write to Steve at 16 Robin Hood Lane, Jackson, TN 38305. Good luck to Steve on his new position. Just wish he could talk some sense into the bozos at WCW.....Since this is the last thing I shall type, we'll see everyone again on 7/7 and the issue should be loaded since it's four weeks away. BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES BALTIMORE!!!! HERE WE COME!!!!

Jersey Joe Mullins, Jersey City, New Jersey

Hello, Mr. Lemieux! It's me, Jubie Jay Mullins, Unca Jersey Joe's nine-year-old nephew out here in Sushiland, CA. Unca "Jurz" is still busy with pressing family matters and he has asked me to do the column for this issue of AR. By the way, Unca Jurz sends his respects to you and your readers (he too is flabbergasted over the return of Junk Yard Dog) and he extends a special "Hello" to someone in your sheet named Marilyn Rundle. The following is a word-for-word transcript I copied from one of my favorite TV shows. I hope you like it. Sincerely, Jube. P.S.: Oh, please remind your readers to write their "Get Well Hulk" letters and mail them as requested by the Hulk's closest personal friend, Mr. Okerlund. Also, if you get a minute, maybe you can write me and explain why my Uncas Jeff, Jersey, and Jack (what's left of him) were laughing so hard when Mr. Okerlund gave his recent teary-eyed "UPDATE" about Hulk's condition. I cried, too, when I saw Hulk squirming on the ground after that fat Earthquake person sat on his chest three times during the Brother Love Show. (Have you ever had anyone sit on your chest, Mr. Lemieux, after they've jumped four feet into the air and landed with a butt drop on your sternum? I'm in the fourth grade and let me tell you, out on the school yard it happens to me all the time. Lucky for my ribs, though, none of my classmates weigh 400 pounds!) I'm sorta worried about Mr. Okerlund now. With Earthquake running out of wrestlers to splat, he and Mouth of the South seem like the kind of people who would start dropping butt on innocent people like Miss Elizabeth, Mr. McMahon, Lord Alfred, and Mean Gene. Wouldn't that be terrible?!

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Hi, boys and girls. Welcome to Mister Roger's Neighborhood. I'm Mister Rogers. It's sooo nice to see you all again. Yesss.

Saaay, did you watch that Connie Chung Show in May? The one about professsional wresstling and the NWA? Do you recall what Connie said about professsional wresstling? Yesss. She said it was "F-A-K-E!"

Do you know what F-A-K-E spells, boys and girls? Yesss. It means that Mister Flair's bloody head during CAPITOL COMBAT'90 was self-induced!

Can you say, "Ric Flair is FAAAAKE," boys and girls? Gooood.

Our special guest in the neighborhood today is, yesss, Miss Connie Chung! Let's greet her now, okaaay?

"Hi, Connie Chung. How are you today? Are yooou...FAAAAKE?"

"Why, yes, Mister Rogers, I am indeed fake. I am not really the cute, perky little Asian gal everyone thinks I am."

"Golly, Connie! Can you show us what you mean?"

"Sure. Have the camera come in a little closer. See my eyes? Watch this..."

"...Ooooh! Boys and girls! Connie Chung's eyes are not really squinty like Mr. Fuji's! It is only a trick Connie does with scotch tape."

"...And my hair..."

"Whoa, boys and girls! Connie is pulling a wig off her head. Her hair is not long and glossy; it is short and wavey."

"...And my (CENSORED)..."

"WOW! Boys and girls, Connie is wearing a pair of (CENSORED)! Her (CENSORED) are actually flat and manlike!"

"...And my complexion, my lips, and my voice..."

"Holy Moley, Connie's got five o'clock shadow-face, fish-lips, and her voice is not soft and sweet like Tokyo Rose's. Infact, her voice is harsh and deep and grating... Why, Connie Chung is not a woman at all. Connie is actually.. Boys and girls can you say, V-I-N-C-E Mc-M-A-..."

"Not so fast, Tuna breath! This mask is faaaake, too. Just Watch!"

"Yowie, boys and girls. Isn't this just like the new movie, TOTAL RECALL, with Arnold Schwarzenegger? Why...it's not Vince, either. It's... it's... Can you spell L-A-U-R-A P-A-L-M-E-R, boys and girls?!"

Correspondent's Corner

Pineville High School (Ind)

Pineville, WV

May 12, 1990

Correspondent: Leonard Sims

- 1) David Isley pinned Assassin #1. 2) Coal Miner over Cruel Connection.
3) Tim Horner downed Mark Flemming. Horner had Baby Doll in his corner.
4) Chief Jay Eagle beat Chris Hamrick. 5) George South pinned Ricky Nelson to win the Jr. title. 6) Italian Stallion beat SST Samoan to win the heavy-weight title. A good brawl all over the building. 7) Ricky Nelson won a 8 man Bunkhouse match.

Mammoth Gardens (RMWF)

Denver, CO

May 24, 1990

Correspondent: Boyce Johansen

- 1) "Too Cold" Scorpio beat Airborn Ranger with a flying butt-butt over the top rope. D+ 2) Ric McCord over Doug Masters with a roll up from behind. C 3) The Predator beat Don Juan (former Lance Levine) in a minute with a powerslam. C+ 4) Steve Regal beat Steve Sawyer with help from Barry O. B+ for Regal. 5) Cowboy Contrell beat Little Tokyo with a small package. B 6) Jerry Stevans & Ric McCord beat Doug Masters & Ted Nall with a double roll up. 7) Randy Rhodes beat Steve O in a bloody bullrope match. Rhodes was bleeding from the side of his forehead real nasty. At least he's keeping with his namesake. A-

Dorton Arena (NWA)

Raleigh, NC

May 30, 1990

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

- 1) Mean Mark Callous beat Zan Panzer with the heart punch. No Paul E. Lots of boring chants. Dud 2) Steiner Brothers over Samoans in 10:00 as Scott pinned Fatu. C- 3) Arn Anderson used the ropes to defeat Tommy Rich. C+ 4) Rock N' Roll Express beat The Freebirds as Morton pinned Jimmy Garvin in 14 minutes. C- 5) Midnight Express beat Brian Pillman and Tom Zenk as Eaton pinned Zenk in 18:00. B- 6) Junkyard Dog beat Ric Flair via DQ as Arn interfered in 14:00. Match better than Mike expected. Flair worked hard and gave JFD some rest periods. Rather have gotten twinkies I'm sure. C Att: 1,100. While at the show, Mike Gunter loaned Jim Cornette his complete collection of RWRB Sushi. Mike figured James E could get some new one liners.

Boston Garden (WWF)

Boston, MA

June 2, 1990

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

- 1) Warlord beat Tito Santana with a clothesline from the top rope at 11:57. 2) Koko Ware pinned The Genius after a bulldog in 11:20. 3) Dino Bravo used a side suplex to beat Jose Luis Rivera in 9:38. 4) Big Boss Man beat Ted DiBiase in 12:46 with a quick small package. Great bout. After match, heels double teamed BBM until he took the nightstick back. 5) Haku beat Brady Boone (sub for Taylor) with the savate kick in 7:05. 6) Rockers beat Orient Express on a count out at 12:55. 7) Brooklyn Brawler beat Jim Brunzell in 7:28 as the crowd was sleeping. Can't believe Jim did the job here. 8) Ultimate Warrior defended his WWF Title by pinning Rick Rude in 11:14. He used the shoulderblock and splash. Who's next? Att: 6,000

Baltimore Arena (NWA)

Baltimore, MD

June 2, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

- 1) Cheetah Kid over Ray Apollo. Lots of high spots by Kid. B 2) Joey Maggs beat Dave Coleman who was real green. F 3) Norman pinned Cactus Jack. D

4) Mean Mark beat Johnny Ace in what turned out to be just a long squash. D
5) Doom beat Rock N' Roll Express as Butch Reed pinned Robert Gibson. Doom
looked good but no one cared for R N R. C 6) Arn Anderson & Barry Windham
beat The Steiner Brothers. Rick was out of the ring when the ref got bumped.
Arn and Barry doubled on Scott and Arn pinned him. B+ 7) JYD beat Ric Flair
via DQ as Sid Vicious interfered. Sting jumped in but so did Arn and Barry.
Steiners made the save. ATT: 1,500, smallest crowd since 1985. Some fans
were chanting "Junkyard Pig". Yeah Ole. He's getting over real well.

Westchester County Center (WWF)
Correspondent: Chris Cruise

White Plains, NY

June 3, 1990

1) Paul Diamond beat Jim Powers. 2) Warlord over Tito Santana. 3) Brooklyn
Brawler beat Jim Brunzell. 4) Rockers over Orient Express via count out.
5) Tugboat downed Dino Bravo. 6) Jake Roberts DDT'd Bad News Brown.
7) Earthquake beat Hacksaw Duggan. ATT: 2,000

Mid-Hudson Civic Center (WWF)
Correspondent: Andy King

Poughkeepsie, NY

June 4, 1990

1) Jim Brunzell over Brooklyn Brawler with a dropkick in 13:35. 2) Akeem sat
on Hercules at 11:18. 3) Tugboat downed Conquistador #2 with a splash from
the second rope. #2 a sub for Bravo. Didn't think White Plains to Poughkeepsie
was so far away from each other. 4) Big Boss Man small packaged Ted DiBiase
in 12:05. 5) Earthquake pinned Hacksaw Duggan with the Richter Scale splash
and Duggan cleaned house after. 6) Al Perez pinned Jim Powers with a reverse
roll up in 12:57. 7) Rockers double count out with Orient Express in 10:44.

Tampa Sportatorium (PWF)
Correspondent: Shannon Rose

Tampa, FL

June 7, 1990

1) Terminator pinned Dennis Knight. 2) Joe Gomez and Jimmy Backlund went to
a fifteen minute draw. 3) Lou Perez beat Ron Slinker who was DQ'd for throwing
Lou over the top rope. 4) Robert Fuller & Kareem Muhammed over Tim Parker
& Hurricane Walker. 5) Steve Keirn retained his PWF title beating Bounty Hunter
for the 6,987 time with a piledriver.

Springfield Civic Center (WWF)
Correspondent: Dan Reilly

Springfield, MA

June 7, 1990

1) Tugboat splashed Dino Bravo in 10:10. Lots of swearing from Bravo. Dud
2) Tito Santana hit Mike Sharpe with the flying jalapeno at 9:40. 1/4* 3) Jake
Roberts DDT'd Bad News Brown in what Dan described as a psychological match.
Time was 16:20. **1/2 4) Rockers beat Orient Express via count out. (Getting
tired of typing that result.) No chemistry. Everything looked too choreographed
** 5) Jimmy Snuka pinned Akeem. Highlight was Akeem asking Snooka, "Want
a banana jungle boy?" 1/2* 6) Hercules reversed a pin to beat Black Bart at
12:35. Dud 7) Brutus Beefcake beat Curt Hennig via DQ as Curt threw ref
Fred Sparta into Brutus. Curt flew around as usual. ** ATT: 2,100

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)
Correspondent: John Lanigan

Pittsburgh, PA

June 9, 1990

1) Dino Bravo beat Tito Santana with a hot shot in 13:59. Decent opener.
C 2) Akeem sat on Hercules at 13:00. D+ 3) Tugboat beat Black Bart with a
splash at 7:03. D 4) Brutus Beefcake over Curt Hennig via DQ in 15:51.
Curt took a 360 from a kneelift. Heenan was great at ringside. Curt threw
ref into Brutus for DQ. B 5) Barbarian pinned Jimmy Snuka with his feet on
the ropes in 9:57. D+ 6) Bushwhackers beat Honky & Valentine in 16:22

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via DQ as the heels used the guitar on Whackers. C+ 7) Ultimate Warrior beat Rick Rude with a shoulderblock and splash at 13:12. John has seen worse title defenses by Hogan. But this was a good one. B- ATT: 12,000

Letters To "AR"

This & That

I was sort of hoping Lex Luger would take the title. I have watched Lex since he started his career and have always felt like he had the ability to be world champion. I guess it is like you brought out, the big money is on Flair vs. Sting.

I am glad you have Scott Hudson as a contributor. I enjoy hearing results from the Atlanta area. I especially liked his report on the Georgia All-Star matches in Lawrenceville.

I see where Paul E is back in the NWA. I am glad to see him back as he can liven things up quite a bit.

Clint Bennett
Moultrie, GA

Total Recall

What sort of moral fiber (or lack of) are you sheet editors made of? Jon Gallagher offered in Ringside Reflector to pay for incestuous sex for his subscribers. Steve Beverly put Matwatch on hiatus but continued to do the 900 number. Dave Meltzer skips a week doing The Observer but ran a new column in The National. And Jeff Mullins has stopped Sushi while he negotiates his own Faust-like deal with (censored). And what about "Mr. Credibility" Wade Keller? At least we have the Romulas and Remus of wrestling sheets, Ron Lemieux and Harvey Cobb.

Doug Quaid
Mars

RL- Maybe this guy did have a lobotomy.

Tre Dee

Just got the latest ish of PWD/RR only to find myself called...a...a cretin! By Ron L. no less! If I had known you would be so interested in who was supplying your sheet to Rodney, I would have told you. Klone did ask me and I told him and I assume you already know. Actually, I had no idea of this annoyance with sheet editors. In my own opinion, cretinous though it might be, a subscriber has every right to pass on a sheet to a friend as long as he does not get monetary gain from it (I send most of my old sheets to Rodney-it costs me money, I make nothing off of it. Better they should go to someone to read than into the garbage I always say- I don't save sheets- I don't have the room. Goes for WO and everything else.) and he does not plagiarize or commit such acts. I don't tell Rodney what he should do or can't do with the sheets. I like "AR" alot better than #10, but that's his opinion, and he's entitled to it. As well I should add, if we cretinous individuals didn't pass on sheets, how would people ever know how to subscribe? I've done this out of courtesy to all sheets and several sheet editors have new subscribers because of it. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Be forewarned however, just like I have to put with annoying phone calls from goofy guys in the middle of the night, and the boys having a bit off fun with me in their sheets or publications (which I don't always subscribe to but hear word of mouth) because I write to sheets, when you put out a publication, it's bound to get criticized by someone. Just ask Dave M. re his tryst with Bill Kunkel in Torch. Not all that criticism is justified, but we have to expect stuff like this. Don't let it keep you up nights guy.

Teresa DeMarie
Tuckahoe, NY

RL- What Teresa is referring to is a letter I wrote J.D. McKay complaining about one Rodney Leighton rating newsletters. My beef was that he isn't even a subscriber to "AR". But Teresa took my letter too serious. It was mainly tongue in cheek. But everything is cleared up now. And to prove it, here's a letter from the "Hot Rod".

"Hot Rod's" Lists

Ya know, I've been hearing there is a rumor circulating about that I create my infamous "Hot Rod" lists through diligent research; long and arduous thought and meticulous computation and accounting and thorough analysis.. No doubt this was started by my partner in the as yet to be officially formed tag team known as the Woodwash maniacs. (Hey J.Z.-you want to form a team and take on all writers and columnists who are afraid to sign their names, and editors who allow the same? First match to be against the team of J.D. McKay and the Unknown Hater (of curse words).

Anyway, time to put this rumor to rest. I do have a very scientific method of drawing up these lists: simplicity itself. When I finish typing a column, I say to myself, "Okay Jack, you need a list. Let's see, whose legs would I like to play with most? (RL- Sorry Rod, Bart Simpson reads this sheet and his parentals are trying to make him go down the right track.) or whose sheet would I most like to read?" And so, various names pop into my so-called brain and hence through my fingers to the typewriter keys and hence to the page and thence to R.R. and so we have a five best sets of legs or 5 best sets of &*&\$% or 10 best sheets.

Thoroughly efficient. Changes daily and saves me from defending those things, since I can never remember who is where.

Rodney Leighton
Pugwash, Nova Scotia

WCW Blunder (Never)

While all the sheets, and their readers, have engaged in a good deal of NWA bashing (no pun intended), how about a little more? The new issue of TV Guide has a sizeable ad for "Clash of The Champions", including pictures of the major combatants. In the program listings however, they advertise a match between Ric Flair & Barry Windham vs. The Steiner Brothers. Sounds good to me. Too bad it's not correct. Nothing like a little false advertising huh?

Andy King
Middletown, NY

RL- I noticed this gaff as well. In the ad, they list the right matches, but in the listing they've got the old card. Little things like this add to their huge goofs and you've got one hell of a promotion.

Ms. Rundle

Boy, just when I think I can sit back and be a passive reader.....but I feel a responsibility to respond to my fan mail, male fan, and un-fan male fan mail.

Brian from Jonesboro, AR, although I have been likened to some teenage girl attending a rock concert (I think the slang word is "Trundle"), I AM old enough to be your big sister. (Marianne, stop laughing,) And if that's your definition of a "hunk", I think I've already had my share, thank you very much. Besides, my heart belongs to Jersey, right Marianne? Brian, I know what you mean about Ron putting his hat coupon on vital parts of his newsletter. He could have at least waited until issue #19 and put it on the back of David Williamson's letter. Wouldn't have bothered me any.

Every now and then, at the end of a mailbox, in reaches the long arm of a WWF basher and or WWF fan basher. Lighten up David from Tennessee, it was all in good fun. I had a great time at WMVI and if I sounded like a teenage

girl at a rock concert, so be it. I hope you have as much fun someday. Don't worry, I'm sure you will never have to live with a WWF fanatic. And, pay attention-I'm not a WWF fanatic, I'm a Bret Hart fanatic. I thought you READ about my trip?? You know, I wouldn't mind being an NWA fan and would even attend their matches-Lord knows I've tried-but, they can't seem to find their way to NEW York State. Well, I suppose I could get to Jersey or Maryland I did go all the way to Canada to see those silly little WWFers.

Marianne, on second thought a disclaimer may not be such a bad idea afterall!! (INSIDE JOKE, JERSEY! and where were YOU last issue?)

Marilyn Rundle
New Paltz, NY

RL- Inside joke!!! I'll say. JJM, I think these two lassies are conspiring something against you.

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